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"Bengal Chief Minister Will be from BJP": Amit Shah

Madhyamgram: The BJP has put up a sincere, strong candidate in West Bengal's Madhyamgram which has been held by the Trinamool Congress for the last 20 years and it is confident of winning from this constituency in North 24 Parganas district, Home Minister Amit Shah told during a rally in Madhyamgram this evening. "We will definitely win this time. We will fight in seats seen to be difficult to win," Shah said amid a sea of people, with hundreds shouting slogans supporting the BJP. The Election Commission said Bengal recorded 91.78 per cent turnout in the first of the two-phase election today; this is the highest-ever percentage since Independence. Shah said the high turnout means the days of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress are over. "For the first time, there has been voting without goons. Mamata Banerjee's goons have been left helpless. They were not able to commit large-scale violence. The Election Commission and paramilitary forces have done a very good job. Because of this, the genuine wishes of the people of Bengal will show on counting day," Shah told. He denied allegations that the Centre is misusing the paramilitary to put pressure on the ruling Bengal government. "None of their [Trinamool] candidates have made such a complaint. They are not even accepting what Mamata Banerjee has said," Shah said atop a decorated vehicle. He waved at people holding the BJP's election symbol who stood on both sides of the road. Shah expressed confidence that the BJP will only rise and rise in Bengal. He cited the BJP's performance from just three seats in 2016 to 77 seats in 2021 in Bengal.

"This is not a small thing. Those who ruled for 30 years have reached the level of Congress and Communists. The BJP has become the main opposition party in the state," the home minister said. "This time, the chief minister of Bengal will be from BJP." Voting in Madhyamgram will be held in the second and last phase on April 29. Counting is on May 4. Voting was held in 152 seats today.

PM Modi's Guarantees For Bengal Women Ahead Of 2nd Phase Of Voting

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday sharpened his attack on the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and said the party won't be able to open its account in "many districts". Addressing a rally in Krishnanagar ahead of the second phase of voting for West Bengal assembly elections, he also offered a "10-point guarantee" aimed at the welfare of women and children of the state. "Those who commit atrocities against women and daughters in Bengal will be punished," he pledged if the BJP comes to power in the state. PM Modi said that every block will have a Mahila Thana (women's police station), and women will be recruited into the police force on a large scale. "Within a year, Rs 36,000 will be transferred to women's accounts," he promised.

He also pledged that they will provide Rs 50,000 assistance for girls' graduation if they form the government. Pregnant mothers will receive financial support of Rs 21,000, he said. He also said an additional Rs 36,000 will be provided for better nutrition of children. Under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, the future of daughters will be



secured, the prime minister said. He said that for self-employment, loans of up to Rs 20 lakh will be provided under the Mudra scheme. "Lakhs of women will be supported to become 'Lakshpati Disis'," he promised. Under Ayushman Yojana, free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh will be available, PM Modi said. He also said that under PM Awas Yojana, houses for poor families in Bengal will be registered in the name of women. "Modi-ki-guarantee automatically means the fulfilment of those guarantees," he said. Before the first phase of the elections was held on Thursday, he had promised "six poll guarantees" for the state. He said the BJP, after coming to power, will replace the TMC's "reign of fear" with the BJP's "trust". He also pledged to bring about changes in the governance "system" and make public servants accountable to citizens for their actions, stating his second guarantee. "The BJP will reopen all files on corruption and crimes committed against women in Bengal, which the TMC has suppressed," he added, spelling out his "third guarantee". "All leaders, irrespective of their positions in government, who are involved in corruption, will be in jail," he added as the fourth.

While pledging that government facilities and scheme benefits will be made available to all refugees who took shelter in India as per provisions of law, PM Modi asserted that "infiltrators won't be allowed to stay in this country", stating his fifth guarantee. "Once the BJP government is formed, we will immediately implement the 7th Pay Commission in Bengal for state employees, teachers and those working in related sectors," he said, defining his final guarantee. Bengal is scheduled to vote in the second phase on April 29. The votes will be counted on May 4.

"I Ate Jhalmuri, But Trinamool Felt The Sting": PM Modi In Bengal

Kolkata: Sweets, and also jhalmuri (a spicy bouquet of lentils, flattened rice, peanuts), will be distributed when election results in four states and a Union Territory are declared on May 4, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared during a poll rally in Bengal on Thursday. The options, a combination of sweet and sharp, lean into Bengal's food choices. Jhalmuri, a popular street food in Bengal, hit the headlines when PM Modi, during a poll campaign in Jhargram last week, stopped to enjoy the snack. "You must wave the flag of the BJP-NDA's victory with full strength. On May 4, the celebration of the BJP's victory will also take place in Bengal, sweets will also be distributed, and jhalmuri will also be handed out," PM Modi said at a campaign rally at Krishnanagar in Nadia district, which is going to polls in the second phase on April 29. Voting opened for Round 1 of Bengal polls today. "Jhalmuri has also given a thunderous shock to some people. I ate the jhalmuri, but the jhal (spice) hit Trinamool," PM Modi said, taking a swipe at Mamata Banerjee's party. Noting the fall of the Left in West Bengal, he said that now the people are similarly standing against the Trinamool. "Fifteen years ago, people were against the communists. Today, they are standing against the Trinamool's jungle raj. Oppressors and corrupt people will be held accountable. You know our mantra, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. But the Trinamool believes in 'Ghuspaithiyon ka sath, Ghuspaithiyon ka vikas'. They provide them shelter. After 4 May, a new guarantee of good governance will begin in West Bengal," PM Modi said.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan consoles Nadendla Manohar over phone



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 23 : It is known that former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, Nadendla Bhaskara Rao, passed away on Wednesday. He had been suffering from health issues for some time and breathed his last while undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Political leaders from the Telugu states expressed their condolences over his demise. Nadendla Bhaskara Rao's son, Nadendla Manohar, is currently serving as the Minister for Civil Supplies in the Andhra Pradesh cabinet. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan spoke to Nadendla Manohar over the phone and conveyed his condolences. Pawan Kalyan informed Manohar that he was unable to attend Bhaskara Rao's last rites due to being in a condition where he could not come out following a surgery. He expressed hope that Manohar would recover from this grief soon.

Pawan Kalyan also expressed deep condolences over Bhaskara Rao's death. Nadendla Bhaskara Rao was born on June 23, 1935, in Guntur. By profession, he was a lawyer and entered politics by joining the Congress party. He first contested as an MLA in 1978 and won. He served as a minister in the cabinet of then Chief Minister Chenna Reddy. Later, he left the Congress party and joined N.T. Rama Rao in 1982, playing a key role in the formation of the Telugu Desam Party. Currently, his son Nadendla Manohar continues his political legacy as a minister.

Day 3 of Singapore Visit: AP Ministers' Team Visits PSA Port



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 23 : The Andhra Pradesh ministers' delegation is on the third day of its visit to Singapore. The team visited the globally renowned PSA port. Ministers closely observed how advanced technologies are being used in port operations. The Tuas Port, operated under PSA in Singapore, is set to become the world's largest automated terminal by 2040. The ministers' delegation specifically studied the innovative methods being implemented at this port. The ministers were impressed by the driverless electric vehicles used to transport containers within the port. They also examined the system where massive cranes are operated remotely rather than directly by operators. The team inquired about how artificial intelligence (AI) and smart systems are being used to accelerate operations in the shipping and logistics sectors. State ministers Narayana, B.C. Janardhan Reddy, Atchannaidu, Vangalapudi Anita, Satyakumar Yadav, and Anagani Satya Prasad participated in this study visit.

"Cases Will Be Filed for Insulting Hindu Gods: Bhanu Prakash Reddy Warns"

New Delhi, April, 23 (UNI): Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board member Bhanu Prakash Reddy warned that insulting remarks against Hindu temples and traditions will not be tolerated. He alleged that offensive comments about Hindu deities are increasing on social media platforms. He stated that legal action would be taken under Section 298 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita by approaching the courts. He recalled that a Rs.100 crore defamation case was recently filed against film actor Prakash Raj for making such remarks. He warned that legal action would continue against



those criticizing Hindu gods on social media. He expressed anger that some individuals are spreading hatred against Hinduism and earning money through so-

cial media. He asserted that temples are not secular institutions but Hindu places of worship, and said that jobs and business opportunities in temples should be reserved for Hindus. Bhanu Prakash also stated that in Srisailem, nearly half the population belongs to other religions, and called for a nationwide discussion on the issue. He mentioned plans to hold meetings with intellectuals and retired judges. He urged the government to take strict action against attacks on temples in the state and said that the NDA alliance is committed to protecting Hindu traditions.

AP High Court expresses deep anger against IAS Ahmed Babu: 'If we had the power, we would have suspended him!'

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 23 : The AP High Court has come down heavily on Ahmed Babu, a senior IAS officer in the Andhra Pradesh government. The bench made sensational comments that a person who acts with hatred towards employees cannot continue as an IAS officer. The court was furious that he has no respect for the law and court orders. Will the files be trampled without conducting BPC and providing promotions to the deserving ones? Isn't this harassment of

employees? Are they playing with their lives? The bench said The court questioned why the government and the Chief Secretary (CS) are silent despite so many allegations against Ahmed Babu. It asked why he was still being continued in the same post and suggested that such people should be immediately put in the 'loophole'. The High Court warned that it would ask the central government to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations against Ahmed Babu. It made it clear that if



there is evidence that the allegations are true, it would also order his dismissal from service. The court has ordered the Advocate General

(AG) to place before it the action taken by the Chief Secretary of the government so far on the petition filed by the victim/petitioner in the

Ahmed Babu case. It is noteworthy that the court commented that if we had the power, we would have suspended Ahmed Babu right now.

EDITORIAL

The Quiet Hollowing Of
India's State Assemblies
Before The 2026 Polls

If elections are the theatre of democracy, legislatures are meant to be its workshop—the place where power is questioned, policy is tested, and governments are forced to explain themselves. Yet, as several states head into high-stakes assembly elections in 2026, that workshop looks increasingly deserted. The noise of campaigning—sharp slogans, welfare claims, ideological sparring—masks a quieter but more consequential shift: India's state assemblies are steadily losing their relevance as arenas of scrutiny. The evidence, drawn from recent legislative performance analyses by PRS Legislative Research, is not dramatic in the way political crises are. There are no walkouts that threaten governments, no constitutional breakdowns that grab headlines. Instead, there is something more subtle—and arguably more dangerous. Assemblies are meeting less often, sitting for shorter periods, and passing laws with a speed that borders on the mechanical. What should be a site of friction has become, in many cases, a conveyor belt. Consider West Bengal, where elections are currently underway. Over its five-year term, the Assembly met for just 166 days, averaging around 33 days annually. On paper, that might still appear functional. But the real story lies in how those days were used. Sittings lasted barely two-and-a-half hours on average—far below the norms set by its own rules. More strikingly, over 90% of Bills were introduced and passed on the same day. The committee system, which is supposed to act as a filter for legislative quality, has effectively vanished; no Bill has been referred to a committee in over a decade. This is not merely an administrative choice. It is a political one. A legislature that meets infrequently and legislates instantly is not exercising oversight—it is endorsing decisions already taken elsewhere. Tamil Nadu, often held up as a model of governance capacity, tells a similar story, albeit with its own nuances. The Assembly met for 155 days over the same period—the lowest for a full-term legislature in the state's history. Nearly four out of five Bills were passed within a day of introduction. Not a single one was sent to a committee. Even the symbolic space for dissent has shrunk. Private members' business, once an avenue for non-ministerial legislators to introduce ideas and challenge the government, has all but disappeared. The legislative agenda is now almost entirely controlled by the executive.

Assam offers a different, but no less telling, variation. Here, the Assembly meets for about 20 days a year—an even sharper contraction of legislative time. But instead of spreading business across sittings, the state has normalised bursts of hyper-legislation. On one day in December 2022, 36 Bills were passed in a single sitting. Across the term, more than 80% of Bills were cleared within a week of introduction. The optics are of efficiency; the reality is a system where scrutiny struggles to keep pace with output. Then there is Kerala, the outlier that complicates the narrative. Its Assembly met for over 200 days during the same period, with sittings stretching to six hours on average. More than 80% of Bills were referred to committees. Budget discussions ran for weeks, not days. On the surface, this looks like a legislature doing what it is supposed to do—debate, examine, question. But even here, the pressure to bypass deliberation is visible, particularly in the heavy reliance on ordinances during the early part of the term. Kerala may be resisting the broader trend, but it is not entirely insulated from it. Taken together, these states reveal a pattern that is difficult to dismiss as coincidence. Legislative time is shrinking. Deliberation is thinning. The executive is gaining ground. Nowhere is this shift more troubling than in the handling of budgets—the most fundamental expression of governmental priorities. In West Bengal, an average of 65% of expenditure was approved without discussion. That means the majority of public spending, funded by taxpayers, passed through the Assembly without being debated. In Tamil Nadu, while departmental budgets are formally discussed, the time allocated for such scrutiny has declined over the years. Kerala again stands apart with longer discussions and committee inputs, but it is increasingly the exception rather than the rule.

This is not a technical problem; it is a political one. When budgets are passed without debate, the legislature's most critical function—holding the executive accountable for how it spends public money—is effectively neutralised. The message is clear: decisions are made outside, and the Assembly is there to formalise them. Overlaying this institutional drift is a growing confrontation between elected governments and Governors, particularly in opposition-ruled states. Bills passed by Assemblies are increasingly being delayed at the stage of gubernatorial assent, sometimes for over a year. In Tamil Nadu, this standoff escalated into a constitutional battle, drawing in the Supreme Court. West Bengal has seen similar tensions, particularly over legislation that seeks to reduce the Governor's role in university administration. Kerala, too, briefly entered this arena before stepping back.

BJP's Electoral Discourse Hateful And Devoid Of Accountability

The assembly elections in the five states of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry are extremely important. But the context and the objective which the BJP is trying to pursue is unique in many ways. For the neo-fascist characteristics it has come to assume, for securing a stronger grip across the country, the impulse to draw them into the vortex of a Hindutva straitjacket is even more compelling. This is time and again reflected in the slogan for ushering in a double engine government.

The slogan of a double engine government is inherently anti-democratic, anti-federal and obviously insensitive to the need for celebrating diversity. Even then, justifying the slogan warrants some explanation, elaborating the benefits. But alas! That was not to be.

A contrasting approach has marked the campaign theme of the Left Democratic Front in Kerala and the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu. Particularly in Kerala, the LDF anchored its defence of incumbency on the basis of its governance which perceptibly touched every sector of productive and social life. Pointed charges of how the Modi government has brazenly violated the constitutional premise of legitimate financial powers of the state government have been dispensed with by denying legitimate share of GST collections. On the political front, the BJP has failed to account for the blatant abuse of the gubernatorial powers by governors appointed by the Centre.

Therefore, the slogan is devoid of any legitimacy in the absence of accountability on this count. On the other hand, the BJP's accountability on the

record of its governance is conspicuous in its complete absence. The striking example is the BJP's discourse in Assam, where it is faced with the most damning charges of corruption, particularly in usurping large parcels of land for corporates and the eviction from legitimately held land rights of people of different communities, including tribes and minorities. The noise of the bulldozers was sought to be used to drown the charges of large scale personal aggrandisement of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his family.

The issue of infiltration was replayed in the most cynical fashion. Even when the overwhelming bulk of the Bengali speaking population had settled in Assam during the first four decades of the twentieth century, Sarma embarked on a diatribe against "Miya Muslims", a derogatory reference to Bengali speaking Muslims. Despite being enabled by a double engine government, there was not a semblance of stating the truth and coming out with an objective finding about population influx. The reason is clear. The BJP was only interested in communalising sensitivities over infiltration. With the process of the NRC already backfiring leading to the SIR being put in abeyance, the BJP's electoral discourse has traversed predictable lines.

In West Bengal as well, the narrative for deepening the communal divide has revolved around the question of infiltration. In the entire sequence of developments, the SIR process has been weaponised to aggravate a sense of uncertainty triggering mutual hate. The Supreme Court unfortunately saw the dispute as one between the



EC and the State Government, without prioritising the right to vote—a constitutional right of the citizen. This has led to a second round where huge numbers who were cleared, having established their links with the 2002/03 rolls, were shunted to a new category of "under adjudication". The basis was untested software driven algorithm which could not distinguish minor differences of spelling or change in the titles of married women, post marriage. However, any simple reading of the under adjudication list makes a deeply disturbing pattern amply clear; as compared to the overall roll, those who have been put under this category belong to the minority, and to a lesser extent the SC and tribal communities. Additionally, it is the poorer economically vulnerable sections who have been disproportionately excluded.

Despite the SC's overall permissive attitude towards the flawed and misconceived exercise within a compressed timeline, one of the judges during the final phase of judicial examination did raise the question as to why

this second phase to find so-called 'logical discrepancies' was initiated in West Bengal, unlike in any other state. The EC's stoic silence was 'eloquent'! The BJP's election rhetoric in the final phase is driven by a sinister jubilation over these exclusions. Apart from its hate filled narrative, the BJP had very little to offer in terms of any vision for the future. It sounded more like old commitments which remain unkept. A prominent instance is the promise to provide one crore jobs annually.

But a striking aspect of the BJP's electoral discourse which came into sharp focus was its reluctance to be accountable for its record of governance at the central level—a major component of the double engine architecture. Even if we disregard the backdrop of the outcomes on growth, jobs, social cohesion and strategic autonomy which look bleak, data on employment, manufacturing and inequality point to a dubious reality: misplaced claims of GDP expansion coupled with stagnation in productive employment and a widening gulf between a thin urban elite and

a precarious majority. This background has come into dramatic focus in the run up to the elections. Particularly two aspects which directly impinge on the daily lives of people have come to the fore. First, the outbreak of the war in West Asia, between US-Israel and Iran has resulted in great volatility. The spike in price of fuel, particularly cooking gas, has triggered a direct impact on the lives of migrant workers. With stagnating wages, the drought of cooking gas has led to a mass exodus and spontaneous labour activism. The unprecedented repression let loose particularly in BJP led states cannot be an appropriate response. These are issues which flow from the foreign policy approach of the Modi government. How can the BJP speak of double engine governance without being accountable on these vital questions of livelihood? Therefore, far from presenting a coherent and meaningful roadmap for the future in the poll bound states, the BJP's electoral discourse betrays a challenge for all those who cherish democracy, harmony and secure livelihood.

Narendra Modi And Amit Shah's Vicious Attacks
On Mamata Catapult Her To National Stage

As the first phase of election in West Bengal in underway on April 23, the electoral battle for the second phase of election to be held on April 29 has now become a rare spectacle in which Bengal Tigress Mamata Banerjee is seen fighting back as ferociously as the political attacks on her by the two strongest politicians of India PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister of Home Amit Shah.

The fight has now turned into an epic political battle, outcome of which will affect the leaders personally, the fates of their parties, future of the state and the Centre, and federal politics in the country. No wonder, the BJP is trying to conquer this regional citadel in the East at any cost, while Mamata is fiercely fighting to defend it. Stakes are very high on both sides, with rising electoral tensions and political violence and several places.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have been campaigning in the state with high-intensity, multi-layered strategy combining mass rallies, cultural messaging, and booth-level organisational management.

TMC supremo and CM Mamata Banerjee has framed her electoral battle as fight between the BJP culture vs Bengali culture, giving clear signal that BJP is trying to destroy the Bengali culture and the regional citadels of Bengal.

PM Narendra Modi himself had contributed to the cultural twist to the election campaign by mentioning fish, which heavily symbolic in Bengal because of their food habit. Speaking at a rally in Haldia, Purba Medinipur, he said, "Bengal imports fish from other states. In the last 15 years, the TMC government has taken no worth-

while step to enhance supply and attain self-sufficiency in fish production". The issue became a key flashpoint after Mamata Banerjee alleged that the BJP would ban fish, meat, and eggs, and impose vegetarianism if elected. PM Modi even tried to connect with local culture by even eating Bengali snack 'Jhalmuri' to reduce the "outsider" perception against them.

Amit Shah has been camping in West Bengal and looking after the election campaigns in the state while addressing series of rallies across the state. PM Modi has also been addressing rallies across the state and leading roadshows in several key places in the state including Kolkata. They are making sharp attacks on Mamata Banerjee, who is making equally sharp attack on the duo.

Modi has been repeatedly accusing TMC government of nurturing cut money (bribe) culture, and running a syndicate raj, that is local political extortion networks. He framed Mamata's rule as anti-development, benefiting middlemen instead of citizens. He also alleged that Mamata practiced minority appeasement and tried to polarise Hindu votes in favour of the BJP. He attacks on Mamata, at times turned personal, mocking and confrontational, aiming to reduce Mamata's strong emotional connect with voters. He promised a double engine government both at the centre and the state, and claimed that Bengal was missing on central benefits due to TMC. He portrayed Bengal unsafe under TMC. One women's reservation, he alleged that TMC "betrayed Bengal's women".

Mamata on the other hand defended by her counter-attack on Modi. She framed Modi's almost every claim



factually incorrect and insulting to Bengali pride. She said PM Modi's speeches as insult to Bengal, and completely hypocritical—whether it was the issue of fish, or women's reservation. "They are spreading lies and trying to divide people," she said. A recurring line in her speeches is "Bengal will not accept outsiders ruling the state", which is her strongest political shield directly countering Modi's national appeal. She even said, "I respected the Prime Minister, but I will not tolerate insult to Bengal."

As for Amit Shah, he made even sharper attack on Mamata. He said, "We will turn TMC's goons upside down and straighten them." He has been referring to Bangladeshi infiltrators, and alleging Muslim appeasement. Kolkata has become a "city of slums because of infiltration" he said blaming Mamata government for illegal migration and urban decline. He also mocked and taunted Mamata by calling "Ei Didi" which later became controversial and perceived as disrespectful language. He said "Tata, bye-bye Didi" and claimed end of her rule.

Mamata Banerjee made

counter attack on Amit Shah. She hit back and said, "BJ is the biggest gunda party. They are threatening people instead of doing politics. On infiltration and slums remark of Amit Shah, she said, "They are insulting Bengal and its people... Bengal has always protected everyone." In response to repeated shark attacks, she said, "Why are they using such language? This is not the culture of Bengal." On BJP's broader campaign, including Shah's speeches, Mamata's recurring sharp line is—"They only know how to threaten, divide and spread lies." On Modi-Shah's duo's claim of end of her power after the result is out, she said, "People of Bengal will say bye-bye to BJP, not to me."

Modi's attack was related to policy of TMC, messaging of Hindu votes consolidation, and symbolism to remove the "outsider" image of the BJP and their leaders, while Shah was more hard-hitting, and adopted ground-level political attack lines. In response to the Modi's attacks on policies and criticism of her government Mamata played identity, emotional, welfare legitimacy to convert criticism into "insult to Bengal".

Shah's attacks were hard, aggressive, and law-and-order focussed and Mamata's replies were defensive at times but mostly counter-attack using regional and cultural identity and dignity of Bengalis.

By April 27, when the election campaign is scheduled to end, we may hear even more sharper attacks and counter attacks of defence from both sides. Million dollar question is whose attacks or defenses are working with voters? Modi-Shah duo's attacks on Mamata on law and order, infiltration, and political violence seem to be working well in border districts and polarised constituencies, but many common voters find them too harsh, threatening, and misleading.

Mamata's defensive, emotional, and identity-driven speeches are both protective and combative, that go well with rural voters, women, and Bengali identity conscious population. Mamata seems to be converting personal attack by Modi Shah duo into "attack on a woman leader", political attack into "attack on Bengal, and ideological attack into "attack on unity."

With Hard Work and Discipline, Success is Certain : Principal Palem Gurumurthy Reddy's Message



From Our Staff Reporter
Proddatur, April 23: The valedictory ceremony of the free coaching program for the Polytechnic Entrance Test (POLYCET-2026) was held grandly on Thursday at the Government Polytechnic College in Proddatur. This program, organized with the aim of guiding students who aspire to pursue polytechnic education, concluded successfully. On this occasion, a grand test was conducted

for around 300 students who received the free coaching. This test not only assessed the students' abilities but also encouraged them to better prepare for competitive exams. Cash prizes were awarded to students who excelled in the test. R. Ratna Kumari (93/120) secured the first prize of Rs.2,000, S.R.S. Kushal Satvik Reddy (92/120) won the second prize of Rs 1,000, and S. Suhana (91/120) received the third prize of Rs.500. The prizes were distributed in the presence of faculty members and students. Speaking on the occasion, College Principal Palem Gurumurthy Reddy said that such free coaching programs are highly beneficial for students from rural and economically weaker sections. He stated that their goal is to provide quality education along with equal opportunities to students preparing for the POLYCET-2026 exam. He advised students that success can be achieved through discipline, hard work, and self-confidence. The event was attended by Heads of Departments Veerabhadra Reddy (ECE), Srinu Babu (General), Vijay Kumar (CSE), Manjunath (E.E.E), Subrahmanyam (Mechanical), and the students who participated in the training program.

MITs University Students on Industrial Visit Visit to Motherson Automotive Industry

Madanapalle/Kurabalakota, April 23 : An industrial visit was successfully organized on Thursday for first-year stu-



dents of ECE, EEE, Civil, and Mechanical Engineering departments of MITs Deemed-to-be University to provide practical exposure to industry operations. The students visited Motherson Automotive Industry in Tamil Nadu.

During the visit, students gained comprehensive knowledge about automotive manufacturing processes, modern machinery, quality control methods, and safety standards. Industry experts explained various aspects such as production stages, the use of automation, and the role of electronics in detail. They also guided students on emerging technologies and future career opportunities. Through this program, students were able to connect their classroom theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. Experiencing the industrial environment firsthand helped enhance their technical skills, observational abilities, and career awareness. Assistant Professor Sai Anusha, Dr. Trinath, faculty members, and around 60 students participated in the industrial visit.

Tirupati District Police Strengthen Visible Policing - Continuous Surveillance Through Drone Cameras in Srikalahasti Town



Srikalahasti - 23 April Strict Vigil on Anti-Social Activities, Intensive Vehicle Checking Across the District, Special Measures for Public Safety.

Under the directions of Tirupati District Superintendent of Police Sri L. Subbarayudu, IPS, police officials across the district have intensified visible policing. The primary objective of these measures is to enhance the sense of

security among the public and to prevent crimes. As part of this initiative, police have strengthened patrolling in key locations, crowded areas, and sensitive zones. Strict surveillance is being maintained on suspicious persons and activities. In addition, extensive vehicle checking drives are being conducted across the district. Every vehicle is being thoroughly inspected, and legal action is being taken against suspicious vehicles, vehicles without proper documents, and those violating traffic rules. Police are also utilizing modern technology by deploying drone cameras for continuous monitoring. By observing situations from above, officials are taking proactive steps to prevent any anti-social or suspicious activities.

With public safety as the top priority, Tirupati district police remain vigilant and are implementing stringent measures to maintain law and order. Citizens are advised to dial 112 in case of emergencies for immediate assistance.

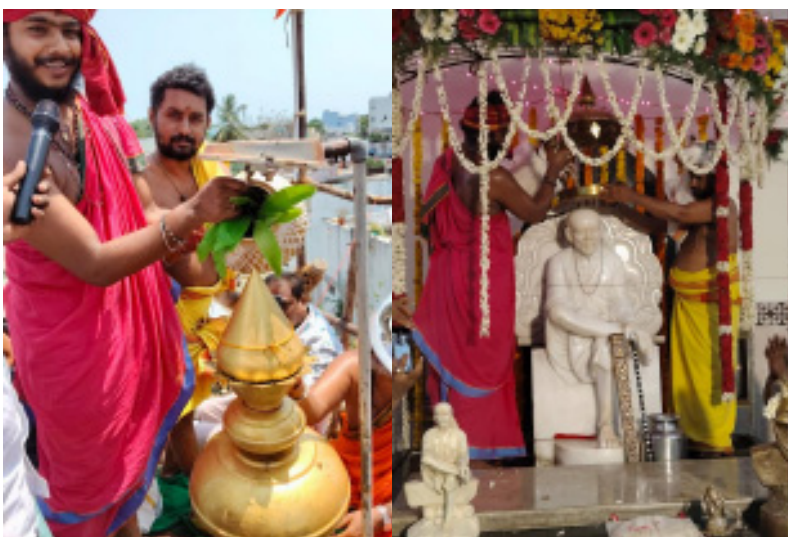
Cheque Worth Rs.10,000 Presented to outstanding Students



From Our Staff Reporter

Palamaneru, April 22: Shyam Koteeshwar, head of the Sahasi Samarth Seva Trust, presented a cheque for Rs.10,000 as a reward on Wednesday to S.K. Sushanth Raj, son of journalist Gajendra Bhupathi, resident of Gollapalli village of Kolamasana palli Panchayat in Palamaneru Rural Mandal, achieved an impressive score of 468 out of 500 marks in his first year of Intermediate studies (CEC) at the Palamaneru Government College. Shyam Koteeshwar congratulated the student, encouraging him to continue achieving excellent grades, reach greater heights, and secure a good career. Similarly, he also congratulated Sameer, son of reporter Rayudu from Gantavuru and presented him too with a cheque for Rs.10,000, as Sameer also had secured excellent marks. The students' parents expressed their gratitude to the donor for presenting the cheques.

Grand Jirnodharana and Kumbhabhishekam Celebrations Held with Grandeur



Srikalahasti - 23 April : The Jirnodharana (temple renovation) and Kumbhabhishekam Mahotsavam of Sri Shirdi Saibaba, Sri Sitaramula, and Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy temples, located at Muttarashi Palem in Bahadur Peta of Srikalahasti town, was conducted with great religious fervor and grandeur. On the auspicious occasion of Vaishakha Masam, Shuddha Saptami of the Parabhava Nama Samvatsaram, the rituals were

performed today between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM during the auspicious Mithuna Lagnam. Over the past three days, several sacred rituals including Deeksha Homam, Pratishta Homam, Shanthi Homam, Poushtika Homam, Naadi Sandhanam, Tatva Homam, Smashahuti, and other Maha Purnahuti homams were conducted.

The ceremonies also included Prana Pratishta, Jeeva Kalanyasam, Maha Naivedyam, Karpooora Harathi, Neerajanam, Mantrapushpam, and Sarva Darshan for devotees. The entire program was conducted under the guidance of temple priests led by Muni Hemadri, and organized by the President and members of Sri Shirdi Saibaba Welfare Trust. Following the Kumbhabhishekam, Annadanam (mass feeding) was organized. A large number of devotees participated in the program, witnessed the sacred rituals, had darshan of the deities, and received teertha prasadam.

Infrastructure Development for Government Schools Funded by Rs.10 Lakhs

From Our Staff Reporter

Palamaner, April 23: Rs.10 Lakhs in CSR Aid for the Development of Government Schools Sam Koteswara Rao, Founder of the Sahasi Samarth Seva Trust, and a distinguished soldier who rendered 24 years of exemplary service in the Indian Army, collaborated with Sanjay Mandal, Vice President (Asia-Pacific) at GP Strategis Corporation, Chennai, to implement development works utilizing ₹10 lakhs in CSR funds. These funds were dedicated to improving infrastructure and enhancing student welfare across three government educational institutions in the Annamaya district of Andhra Pradesh. As part of this CSR initiative, ₹3 lakhs was allocated for the development of a dining hall at the ZP High School in Jarravaripalle, Rs.3 lakhs was provided to address basic amenities and needs for girls at the ZP High School in Buragamanda (Annamaya District), and a solar hot water geyser system valued at ₹4 lakhs was installed to serve 100 boys at the Government Hostel in Kolamasanapalle in Palamaner Mandal. Speaking on this occasion, Sam Koteswara Rao stated that the primary objective behind utilizing these CSR funds is to contribute to the educational advancement of students in rural areas by providing them with improved infrastructure and essential amenities. He emphasized that the development of infrastructure within government educational institutions is absolutely vital for strengthening



the future prospects of the students. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Mandal stated that CSR funds would contribute significantly to student welfare and the development of government educational institutions. School managements, students, and residents of rural areas expressed their delight, noting that these developmental initiatives have led to improved facilities essential for the students. During the event, the Chittoor DEO extended his heartfelt appreciation to Sam Koteswara Rao, the founder of the Sahasi Samarth Seva Trust and to GP Strategis Corporation. He emphasized that such CSR support and assistance are immensely beneficial for the advancement of government schools.

Bee Attack on Students, Security lapses are the reason: PDSU

From Our Staff Reporter

Kadapa April 23: PDSU State Vice President M Ankanna has alleged that the attack of bees on the students of Yogivema a University is a matter of great concern and the main reason for this incident is the carelessness of the administrators. He said that four students were injured in this incident and it was unfortunate that one student studying law course could not write the exam. Reacting strongly to the incident, Yogivema University officials criticized the students for their complete disregard for safety. He said that they have failed to identify the dangerous situations in the campuses early and take preventive measures. PDSU as a state working group demands that a comprehensive investigation be conducted on this incident and strict action be taken against those responsible. Apart from providing better medical treatment to the injured students, he asked to provide a special opportunity to the student who could not write the exam. He also said



that safety standards should be strictly implemented in the campus of Yogivema University and avoid situations that lead to accidents. PDSU District City Leaders Manoj, Ganesh, Mahesh, etc. participated in this meeting.

Sri Sharada High School Annual Day Celebrations Held with Grandeur Students' Cultural Performances Impress Audience

Madanapalle, April 23 : Former Kuravanka Sarpanch Pasupuleti Chalapathi emphasized that along with value-based education, discipline and social awareness must be instilled in students. He was speaking as the chief guest at the grand Annual Day celebrations of Sri Sharada English Medium High School held in Kuravanka on Thursday. The event was attended by BVS founders Puneeth Kumar and Nagaraj, among others. The guests were warmly welcomed by School Correspondent V.C. Rayudu and Principal V. Swapna. The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.



Addressing the gathering, Chalapathi advised students to clearly understand the lessons taught by teachers and to follow the guidance and advice of their parents in order to achieve good results. He encouraged students to move forward with a clear plan to achieve their goals. He also urged them to stay away from mobile phones, social media distractions, and bad habits, and to work towards building a bright future. He expressed his hope that Sri Sharada English Medium School would continue to progress further. Later, Correspondent V.C. Rayudu stated that the school gives equal importance not only to quality education but also to sports, patriotism, yoga, and discipline. He said that students can achieve excellent results if they

study with interest rather than compulsion. He also advised senior and junior students to maintain friendly relations. He expressed gratitude to the parents for their support and to the teaching staff for their dedicated efforts towards the development of the school. On this occasion, cultural programs performed by the students were highly impressive and entertained the audience. Parents, teachers, and school staff participated in the event.

Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanthi Celebrated with Grandeur District BC Welfare Officer P. Tejeswini Attends



From Our Staff Reporter

Madanapalle, April 23 : Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanthi celebrations were held with great fervor under the auspices of the Backward Classes Welfare Department of Annamaya district, as per the directions of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the District Collector. The programme was conducted under the leadership of District Backward Classes Welfare and Empowerment Officer P. Tejeswini. Among

those present were Rajampet Parliament Sagara Empowerment Convener Tallapaka Venugopal, Sagara Sangham members Kiran Kumar and Adinarayana, United District Sagara Sangham President Katta Gangulappa, Social Media Convener Katta Harinath, Assembly Empowerment Member M. Lakshminarayana, Chennakesavulu, and several BC community leaders. The participants collectively made the Bhagiratha Maharshi Jayanthi celebrations a grand success.

